STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

MERRIAM'S WILD TURKEY REGULATIONS FOR 1976

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September 19 through November 21, 1976

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Exception: Knowlton Area: Those portions of Custer, Fallon, and Carter Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Powder River Bridge on U.S. Highway 12 at Locate, thence east on Highway 12 to the intersection of State Highway 7 at Baker, thence south on Highway 7 to Ekalaka, thence northwesterly on the Ekalaka cut-off road to the Powder River bridge at Mizpah, thence north on the Powder River to the bridge at Locate, the point of beginning.

October 24 through November 21, 1976

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October 24 through November 21, 1976

Bull Mountain District: Those portions of Musselshell, Big Horn, Yellowstone, and Golden Valley Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Billings, thence northwesterly along State Route 3 to its junction with U.S. Highway 12 north of Lavina, thence east and northeasterly along U.S. Highway 12 to Melstone, thence south and southeasterly along the Melstone-Custer Road to the Yellowstone River bridge at Custer, thence easterly down the Yellowstone River to the Big Horn River, thence

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southerly up the Big Horn River to Highway 87 at Hardin, thence west and northwesterly from Hardin along U.S. Highway 87 to Billings, the point of beginning.

Note: Time to conform with shooting zones and sunrise-sunset schedules for the state as established by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures, including Hell Creek State Park.

License: Wild Turkey Tag - $2.00. Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35.00 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4.00 Resident Bird License and $1.00 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30.00 Nonresident Bird License and $1.00 Conservation License, or a Class B-2 $50.00 Nonresident Combination License or a Class B-10 $225.00 Nonresident Big Game Combination License; Montana residents 62 and older must be in possession of the $1.00 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. Special turkey tags may be obtained from the Helena office of the Montana Department of Fish and Game, any Department of Fish and Game regional office, or any license agent.

Limit: One wild turkey per special tag holder per fall season.

Tagging: The tag provided with the special game license must be filled out and affixed to the leg of the turkey immediately after killing and must remain thereon.

Means of Taking: Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long bow and arrow, rifle or handgun.

Other Restrictions: Baiting prohibited - "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in, or over standing crops or harvested cropland or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting.

STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Wes Woodgerd

BY: WESLEY R. WOODGERD, SECRETARY
August 20, 1976

AMENDED

1976 SPRING WILD TURKEY GOBBLER SEASON

GENERAL TURKEY LICENSE SEASONS

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described area in Carter, Fergus, Garfield, Powder River, and Rosebud counties shall be open to the hunting of male merriams wild turkey by valid special wild turkey license holders, beginning at one-half (½) hour before sunrise on April 11, 1976, and from one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset each day following, through April 30, 1976.

Fergus County: Fergus County in its entirety.

Carter, Garfield, Powder River, and Rosebud Counties: (Amended)

Ashland Division: (Ashland-Fort Howe District): That portion of the Custer National Forest known as the Ashland Division within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of U. S. Highway 312 and the Miles City-Tongue River-Ashland Road, thence south up said road to the Brandenburg bridge on the Tongue River, thence south up said river to the Montana-Wyoming state line, then east along said line to the Powder River, then northeast along said river to the U.S. Highway 212 Bridge near Broadus, then west along U.S. Highway 212 through Broadus to the junction of U.S. Highway 312, then north along U.S. Highway 312 to the junction of the Miles City-Tongue River-Ashland Road, the point of beginning.

Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Range: That portion of the CMR Wildlife Range (with the exception of Hell Creek State Park as posted) within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Hell Creek Road and the CMR Wildlife Range boundary, then north along the Hell Creek Road to Fort Peck Reservoir, then north and west along the south shore of Fort Peck Reservoir to the Musselshell River, then south up the east bank of the Musselshell River to its junction with the CMR Wildlife Range boundary, then north and east along the CMR Wildlife Range boundary to its junction with the Hell Creek Road, the point of beginning.

Sioux Division (Long Pines Area): That portion of Carter County and the Custer National Forest known as the Long Pines Area within the following described boundary: Beginning at Sykes Bridge and Box Elder Creek, then north down Box Elder Creek to the bridge on the Mill Iron-Camp Crook Road, then southeast along said road to the South Dakota state line, then south along said line to the Tie Creek Road, then west and north along said road to Sykes Bridge, the point of beginning.

SPECIAL TURKEY PERMIT SEASON

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described areas in Golden Valley, Musselshell, and Yellowstone counties shall be open to the hunting of male merriams wild turkey by special permit and 1975 wild turkey license holders only, beginning at one-half (½) hour before sunrise on April 11, 1976, and from one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset each day following through April 30, 1976.

Fifty permits will be issued for this hunting district at a drawing to be held in Helena on March 29, 1976. Written applications for this district must state: "BULL MOUNTAINS", applicant's name and address, conservation license number, and a valid 1975 turkey tag number. Applications must be

Bull Mountains: Those portions of Yellowstone, Musselshell and Golden Valley counties within the following described boundary: Beginning where the Melstone-Custer County Road crosses the Musselshell River one mile south of Melstone, thence south along the Melstone-Custer County Road to its intersection with F.A.S. 310, thence northwesterly along F.A.S. 310 to its junction with the Main Buffalo Creek Road, thence south along this road approximately 14 miles to the intersection at Mill Creek, thence south and east to the Main Fork Hibbard Creek Road, thence northwesterly approximately five miles to its junction with the Cow Gulch Road, thence west along the Cow Gulch Road to its junction with the Railroad Creek Road, thence south on the Railroad Creek Road to the Main Fork Railroad Creek, thence west along Railroad Creek-Pompey's Pillar Creek Road to the Marsh Ranch junction, thence north approximately one mile to the Pompey's Pillar Creek Trail, thence southwesterly approximately 2.5 miles to its intersection with the Pompey's Pillar Creek-Razor Creek Road, thence west along said road to U.S. Highway 87 (one-half (½) mile north of where U.S. Highway 87 crosses Razor Creek), thence south four miles to the U.S. Highway 87 junction with the North Fork Crooked Creek-Broadview Road, thence westerly along said road to its junction with F.A.S. 328, thence west along F.A.S. 328 to State Highway 3 at Broadview, thence north along said highway to the Musselshell River south of Lavina, thence easterly along the Musselshell River to the point of beginning.

The hunting unit known as the Bull Mountains is the same as deer hunting district 590 as described above. The unit includes the "Jim Brown Ranch." Permittees hunting the Brown Ranch must ask permission from the ranch headquarters even though it is open to hunting.

The following regulations apply to all areas:

Limit: One male wild turkey per permit and special tag holder per special season.

Tagging: The special wild turkey tag and permit provided must have the day and month of kill cut out and affixed to the leg of the male turkey immediately after killing and must remain thereon.

Means of Taking: Male wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long bow and arrow, rifle or hand gun.

Other Restrictions: Baiting prohibited. Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in or over standing crops or harvested croplands or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting.

License: Special Wild Turkey License $2.00: Applicants for wild turkey licenses in addition to possessing a Wildlife Conservation License, must possess a resident bird hunting license stamp, or a nonresident bird hunting stamp or a nonresident $151.00 Wildlife Conservation and Big Game license, or a Montana Resident Sportsman's license. Special turkey licenses may be obtained from the offices and license dealers. Persons exempt from purchasing Class A-1 resident game bird licenses must purchase the special turkey license to legally hunt turkeys.

STATE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Wes Woodgerd

BY: WESLEY R. WOODGERD, SECRETARY
February 27, 1976

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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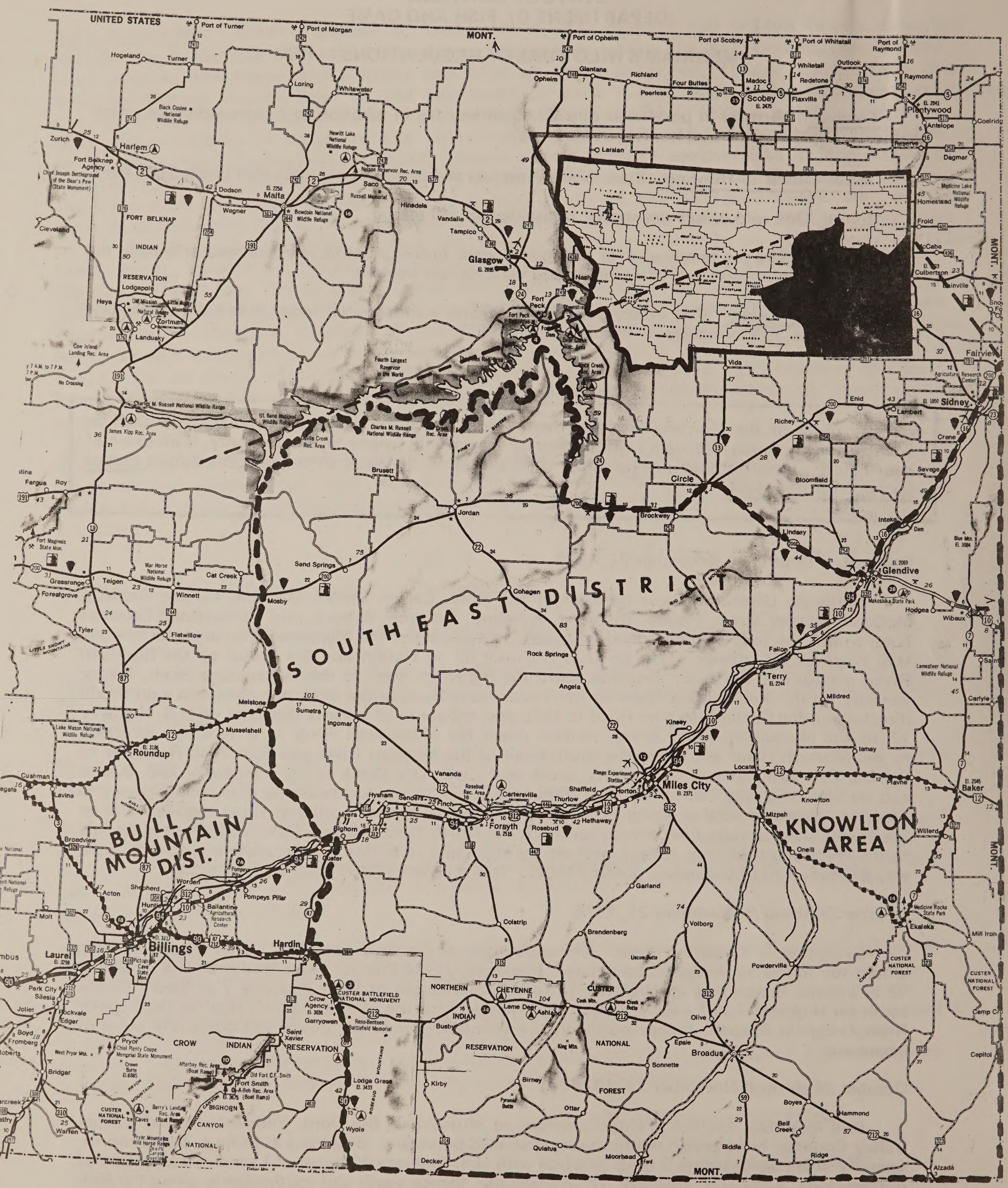
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Hewitt Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Nelson Reservoir Rec. Area
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Old Fort C.F. Smith
Fort Smith
Ok-A-Beh Rec. Area (Boat Ramp)
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Barry's Landing Rec. Area (Boat Ramp)
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Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range
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Ashland
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Horse Creek Butte
King Mtn.
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